#### **DAVIS-BACON AND ELATIONS**

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#### What Is Davis Bacon Act (DBA)?

Davis-Bacon requires payment of prevailing wage rates to laborers and mechanics on federally funded construction projects.



### Why Do We Care?

- It's the law.
- Federal funding depends on contractors and sub-contractors complying with these laws.

### General Decision (Wage Rates)

- This is a list of Classifications and Wages in the Contract Book, representing the Prevailing Wage for each Classification in each county.
- The components of prevailing wage are:
  - Base Rate, which is the hourly rate of pay.
  - Fringe, which represents benefits and can be paid for in cash.

### Identify & Request Additional Classifications

- The General Decision may not include all of the classifications and rates needed to complete the project.
- Contractor must request any missing classifications through the Elation System.

# Identify & Request Additional Classifications (Continued)

- MDOT Civil Rights staff will review Contractor's request for approval in Elation System, allowing use of that Classification & Rate pending formal approval from US Department of Labor.
- Formal approval will be emailed to Contractor and Resident and must be posted to the bulletin board immediately.

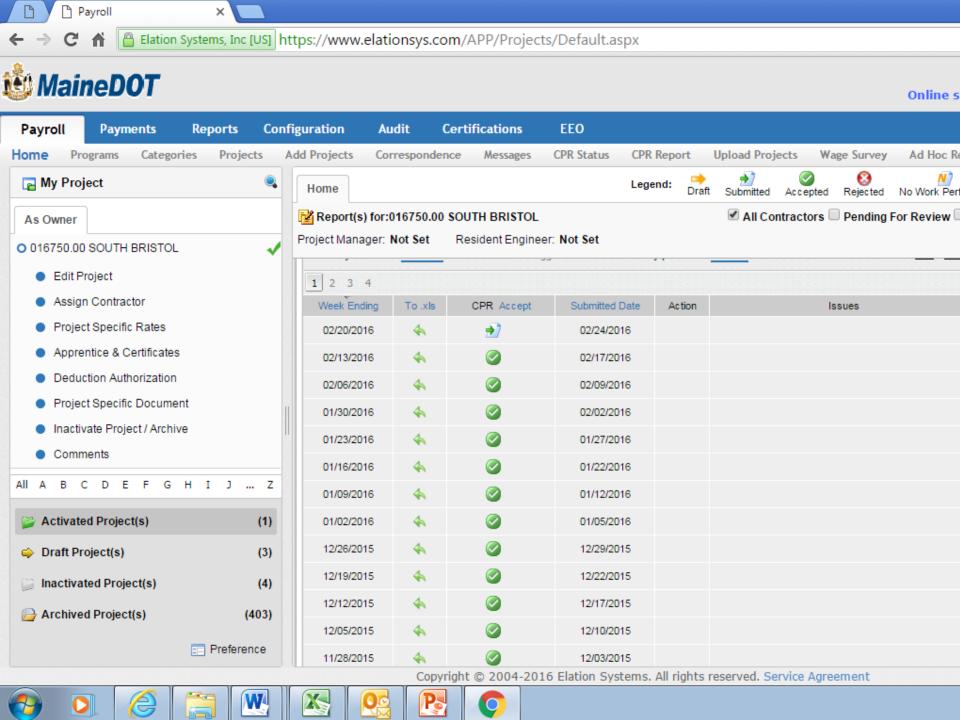
## What are Resident/Inspector Davis-Bacon Responsibilities?

- Review General Decision (Wage Rates)
- Have Contractors request rates for missing classifications - through Elations.
- Check contractor's bulletin board for accuracy and completeness.
- Review Certified Payrolls Reports (CPRs) for missing/appropriate classifications and other compliance issues



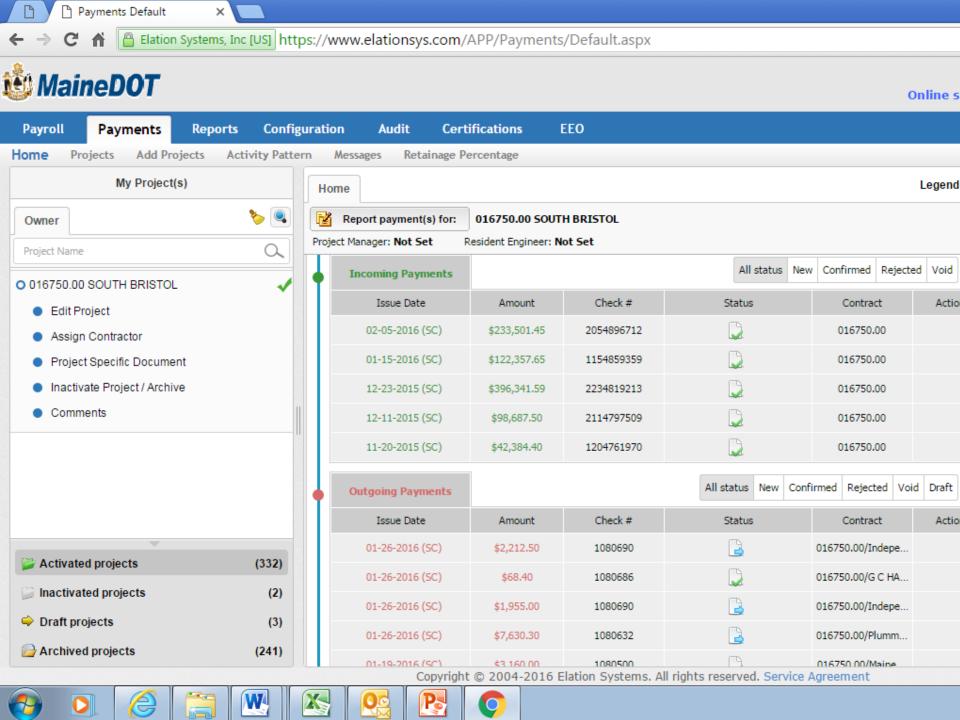
#### **Review Certified Payroll Reports**

- Certified Payroll Reports (CPRs) must be reviewed for completeness, accuracy and approval.
- Elation System will perform many of the basic compliance checks, but there is no substitute for direct observations on site.
- Duties performed and hours worked by covered workers must be consistent with the CPRs and payroll interviews.



# Resident/Inspector Davis Bacon Responsibilities (continued)

- Payments: When you sign into Elations, you should see a payment tab that shows payments pending confirmation.
- The Resident should remind the Contractor that they need to confirm payment and tell the subs to do the same.



### **Payroll Interviews**

- Conduct payroll interviews every <u>90 days</u> with 2 employees from the Prime Contractor and all Subcontractors working on site 5 or more days during each 90 day period.
- Interviews are confidential & voluntary. They
  must be conducted in person on the job site.
- Every effort should be made to cause as little disruption as possible to ongoing work.
- Both parties must sign the standard Interview Form (form #1445) after the interview.



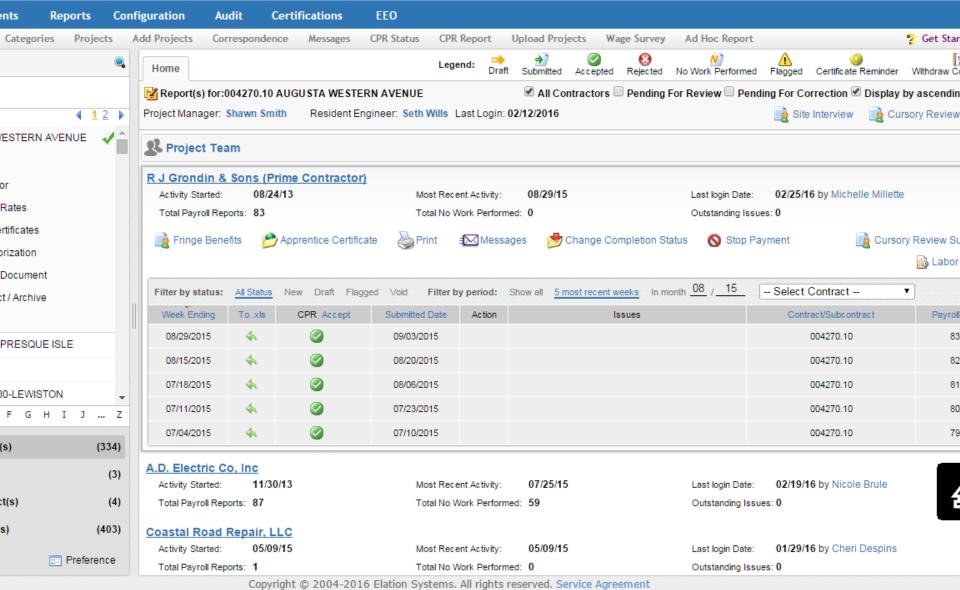
#### **Payroll Interview Comparisons**

 The interview form is found in Elations, and the information must be compared with the data from the payroll report for that week.

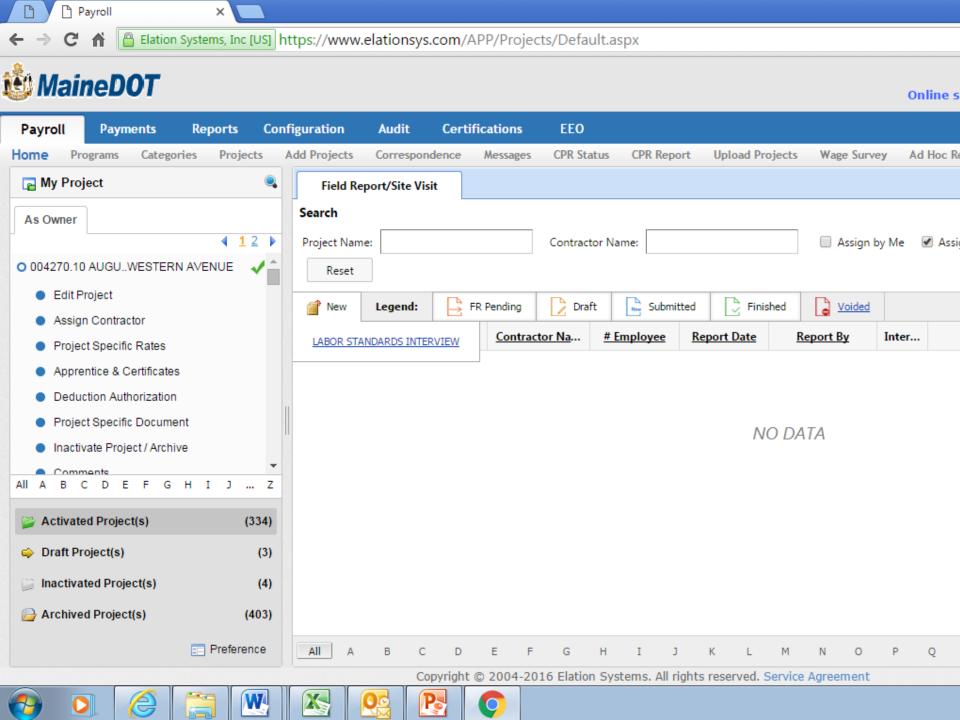
- The Resident should report any apparent discrepancies immediately.
- Contact the MaineDOT Civil Rights Office for assistance or clarification if needed.

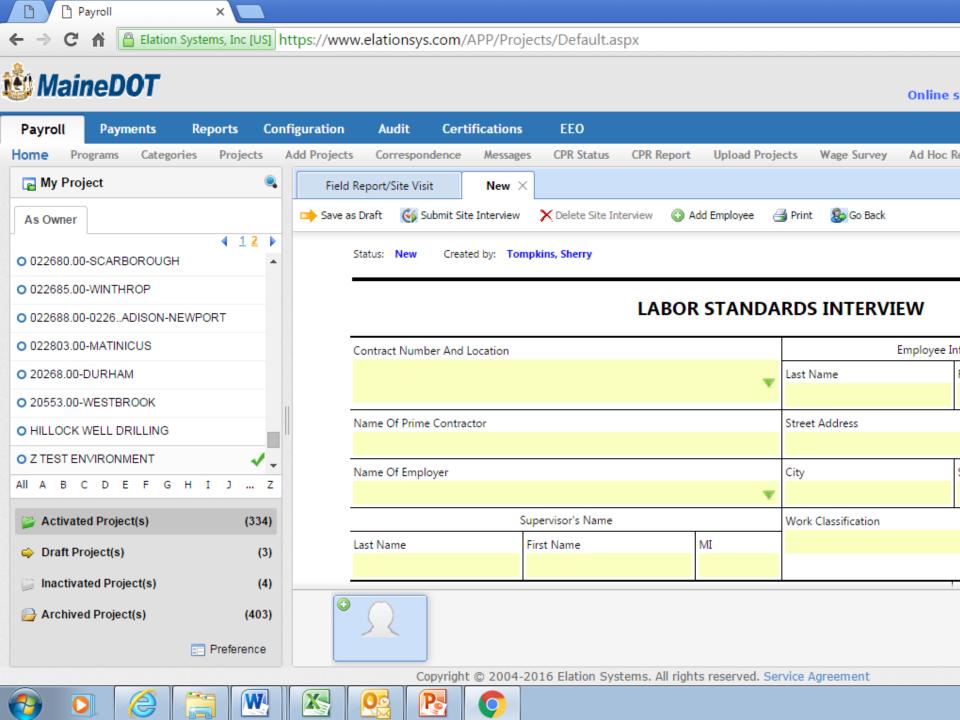












#### **Labor Standards Bulletin Board**

- The Contractor's bulletin board must be displayed on the first day of construction activity.
- It must be placed in an area accessible to all employees and the general public, 24/7.
- The board is usually set up outside the field office and must be maintained to remain readable for the duration of the project.
- MaineDOT prepared a diagram and checklist. (See LPA Manual, page 10-19.)



#### **Contractor Guide to DBA**

You can find the Contractor's Guide to DBA on the MaineDOT website:

http://www.maine.gov/mdot/civilrights/

